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In re application of:

Hughes *et al.*

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Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In advance of prosecution, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate page;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - in ascending order;
 - with status identifiers; and
 - with markings in the amended claims;
- (C) Starting on a separate page, the Remarks; and
- (D) Starting on a separate page, the Conclusion.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net

addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No.
19-0036.